

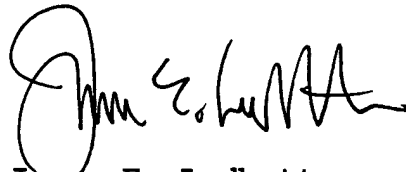
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2 (now cancelled), and claim 3 has been amended to depend directly from claim 1 and for clarity. Claim 6 is a parallel method claim to apparatus claim 1 and has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Therefore, allowance of claims 1 and 6 and all claims dependent therefrom is deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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